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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: (A) RAIL TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP - TRACK (NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING), AND (B) TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE WORKING GROUP

REFS: (A) STATE 173785 (B) 182351 (C) 10936

1. REQUEST SCICOUN ADVISE BARINOV THAT RAMUNDO, DOT, HAS RECEIVED A TELEX FROM MALASHKO, MINRAIL, WHICH INDICATES THAT THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE DELEGATION VISIT OF U. S. RAIL SPECIALISTS THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST. AS WAS DISCUSSED DURING RAMUNDO'S VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST MAY, THAT DELEGATION WAS TO BE IN REALITY TWO DELEGATIONS: ONE TO DISCUSS NON-DESTRUCTIVE RAIL TESTING METHODS AS PART OF THE REGULAR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND THE OTHER TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET WORK IN MAGNETIC LEVITATION (TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE) IN PREPARATION FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. DURING THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE, DOT EXPECTED ITS MAG/LEV SPECIALISTS TO VISIT LABORATORIES AND OTHERWISE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET MAG/LEV ACTIVITIES SO THAT A

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MEANINGFUL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM COULD BE PREPARED FOR JOINT

COMMITTEE APPROVAL. IN MALASHKO'S TELEX, RECEIVED AUGUST 5, HE PROPOSES THAT DOT MAG/LEV SPECIALISTS ARRIVE MOSCOW

AUGUST 31 TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORKING GROUP SESSION SEPTEMBER 1-3. LATER IN DAY DOT RECEIVED REF (C) WHICH INDICATES MISUNDERSTANDING RE TWO-MISSION DELEGATION CLEARED UP TO SOME EXTENT IN THAT IT STATES THAT ALTHOUGH NO TOUR FOR TRANSPORT OF FUTURE DELEGATION HAS BEEN ARRANGED, THEY WERE INVITED JOIN TOUR OF RAIL (NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING) GROUP. ALTHOUGH DOT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET RECEIVED PROGRAM, IT DOES NOT THINK THAT PROGRAM/TOUR DESIGNED FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING DELEGATION LIKELY PROVE FRUITFUL FOR PURPOSES OF MAG/LEV FAMILIARIZATION. IF SOVIET SIDE CANNOT ASSURE PROGRAM TAILORED TO SPECIFIC TRANSPORT OF FUTURE (MAG/LEV) DISCUSSIONS, DOT DISAPPOINTED AND WILL CANCEL THIS PART OF DELEGATION VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE RAMUNDO, DOT, TPI-42, SOONEST.

2. MALASHKO ALSO ADVISES IN HIS TELEX THAT PROGRAM FOR RAIL TESTING GROUP WAS SENT BY MAIL REPEAT BY MAIL ON JUNE 17, 1975. DOT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED THIS CORRESPONDENCE. PLEASE IMPRESS UPON BARINOV NEED TO HAVE ALL LETTERS TRANSMITTED THROUGH AGREED EMBASSY CHANNEL. KISSINGER

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